

**John Lewis**

**1940-2020**





## Creating a Hopeful World Inspired by **John Lewis**

# Who is John Lewis?

A Man/ Husband/ Father

Author

Civil Rights Leader

Congressman  
A Man of the People





A black and white portrait of John Lewis, a young man with a serious expression, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

# Who is John Lewis?

- ❖ John Lewis was born in Troy, Alabama in 1940

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- ❖ His father, Eddie, was a sharecropper



❖ John Lewis joined the Civil Rights Movement, becoming a Freedom Rider

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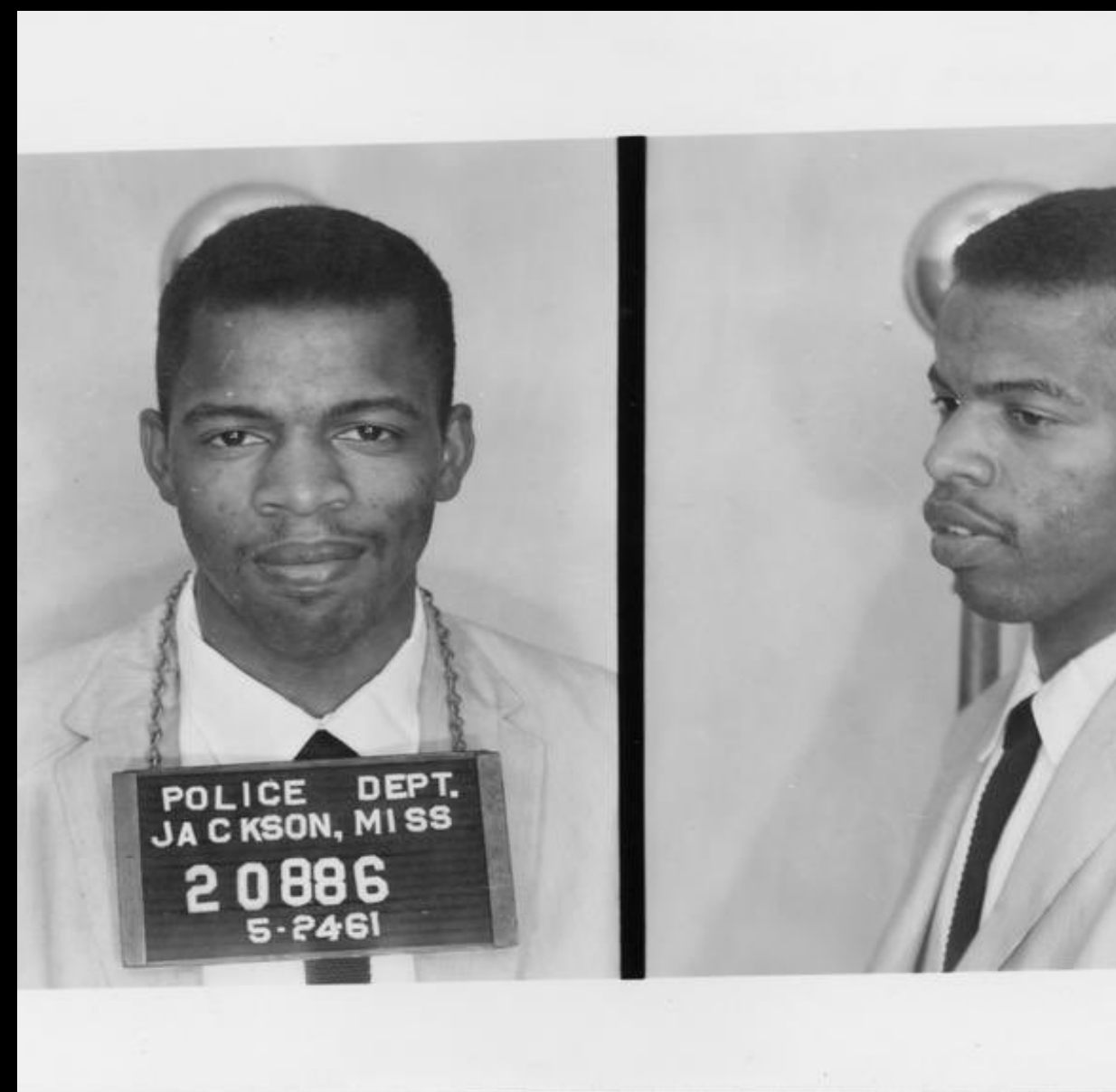
❖ He was a speaker at the 1963 March on Washington



- ❖ **John Lewis** and other civil rights lead the first march on, March 7, 1965 from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama protesting for African Americans right to vote
- ❖ John Lewis led the demonstration that became known as "*Blood Sunday*".







**The march was extremely violent, John Lewis was hurt and arrested by the Alabama State Police**



- ❖ John Lewis first heard of Dr. Martin Luther King on the radio in his youth
- ❖ John Lewis meets Dr. Martin Luther King after he wrote him a letter about his denied entry to attend Troy University
- ❖ **Pictured:** John Lewis with Dr. Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders march again from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama



❖ Congressman John Lewis died after battling with pancreatic cancer on July 21, 2020. He was 80 years-old

❖ Pictured: John Lewis stands with Mayor Muriel Bowser on Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington DC. June 20, 2020

❖ John Lewis Burial Service in Atlanta, Georgia on July 21, 2020



**"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something".**

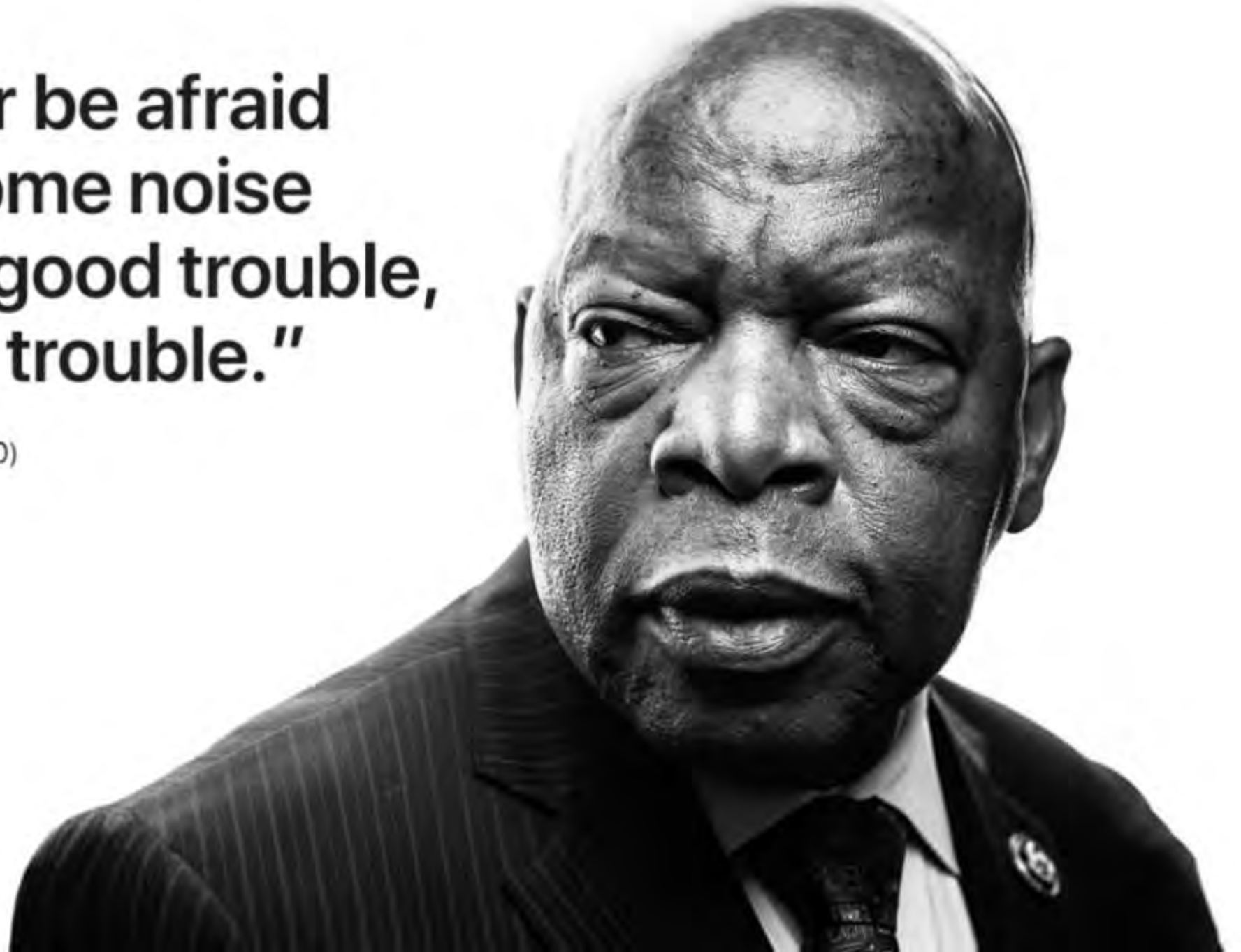
**John Lewis** on seeking truth, justice, and equality, during the impeachment trial for US President Donald Trump.





**"Never, ever be afraid  
to make some noise  
and get in good trouble,  
necessary trouble."**

Rep. John Lewis (1940-2020)



# Street Mural of John Lewis

Located: **Atlanta, Georgia**

